

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3, and 4-7 allowed.
2. Applicant's Remarks regarding elasticity of the bolt and sleeve are persuasive particularly in view of the graph of Fig 3 illustrating the linear elastic behavior of the bolt and sleeve. The limitation is properly interpreted as referring to the relative spring constants of the bolt and sleeve elements overall. Arguments regarding the prior art are likewise persuasive

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary Estremsky whose telephone number is 571 272-7055. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

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